

REMARKS

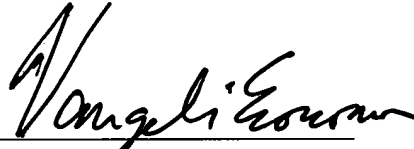
Applicants have elected without traverse for further prosecution Group I, Claims 1-17, drawn to a method of manufacture a gypsum board, without prejudice.

Applicants have cancelled non-elected Claims 18-31. Applicants intend to pursue the non-elected Claims 23-31 in commonly assigned, co-pending Continuation-In-Part Application Serial No. 10/164,018.

Submitted herewith is a Request for Extension of Time in which to respond to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004 for a period of one-month extending the period of response up to May 24, 2004. The fee for this extension is also enclosed.

Applicants kindly request examination on the merits of the pending Claims 1-17.

Respectfully submitted,



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